

# RIVAL SONS RELEASE NEW ALBUM *LIGHTBRINGER*

MUCH-ANTICIPATED *DARKFIGHTER* COMPANION LP

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**OCTOBER 20, 2023** – 2x GRAMMY-nominated band Rival Sons have unleashed their much-anticipated new album, [LIGHTBRINGER](#) via Low Country Sound / Atlantic Records [album art / tracklisting below]. Available today on [all streaming platforms](#), *LIGHTBRINGER* notably marks the group's second full-length offering released in 2023, following June's critically acclaimed companion album [DARKFIGHTER](#). Furthermore, *LIGHTBRINGER* is available in multiple physical formats including two vinyl variants - Lemonade & Black - as well as a CD version which are available in Rival Sons' [webstore](#).

“Rival Sons prove there is always room for light to get in,” attested **Classic Rock** in a review of the new collection while **MOJO** raved “‘Mercy’ takes them to a new level and ‘Mosaic’ may yet become their career defining epic.” **American Songwriter** noted that the LP “offers an energizing escape from everyday worries,” and **All About Rock** avowed, “beyond accolades, it should see them inundated with a whole new generation of fans whose lives are suddenly soundtracked by Rival Sons.”

Rival Sons crafted *LIGHTBRINGER* and *DARKFIGHTER* during the same sessions over the course of 2021. Once again, they recorded with creative confidant and longtime producer Dave Cobb behind the board. The band initially dropped *DARKFIGHTER* to unanimous tastemaker praise earlier this summer. *Classic Rock* attested, “*DARKFIGHTER* might just be Rival Sons’ masterpiece,” and *GLIDE Magazine* enthused, “*DARKFIGHTER* is a lean hard rock album that condenses what Rival Sons does well into a brief attack.” At the same time, they have piled up millions of streams across the likes of “Nobody Wants To Die,” “Bird in the Hand,” “Rapture,” and more.

About *LIGHTBRINGER*, Scott said, “When you do two albums back-to-back like this, there are a lot of things to think about. The first record has to pack enough of a punch and tell enough of a story for the second half to have an even bigger impact. We balanced them out with energy and meaning, but the follow-up always needed to deliver a bigger blow. I think *LIGHTBRINGER* provides this.”

Jay added, “*DARKFIGHTER* is a new Rival Sons, and *LIGHTBRINGER* is the clear definition of what we are now. We broke ground on *DARKFIGHTER*, but *LIGHTBRINGER* is a step beyond the personal innovation and exploration. It goes a little further. We really took everything into our own hands and pushed to see how far we could go. It was a self-exploration to see who we were and who we’ll be now. We had more friction and compromise than ever, because we isolated the bare essence of where we needed to go—and then we went there.”

Rival Sons recently concluded a U.S. tour with The Smashing Pumpkins and are currently selling out venues across Europe on a long-awaited return to their European fanbase. Known for their live performances Rival Sons have not skipped a beat delivering *DARKFIGHTER* and *LIGHTBRINGER* new tracks to UK audiences this week. *RushonRock* declared, “More than a decade down the line and the peerless frontman is in an ethereal league of his own — celebrating the Sons’ ever-evolving catalogue with the confidence of an empowered artist at one with his work.” *Metal Talk* affirmed, “From start to finish, this was a show that will ring in the grateful ears of — I can only assume — everyone who bore witness to it. This really is the year of Rival Sons. And it ain’t over yet.” The tour continues tonight with a performance at Cambridge Corn Exchange in Cambridge, U.K. and runs through the end of November [tour itinerary below]. For tickets and more information on Rival Sons’ upcoming tour dates, visit [www.rivalsons.com/tour](http://www.rivalsons.com/tour).

[album art / tracklisting / tour itinerary below]



1. Darkfighter
2. Mercy
3. Redemption
4. Sweet Life
5. Before The Fire
6. Mosaic

#### **TOUR DATES**

10/20	Cambridge, UK	Cambridge Corn Exchange
10/21	Bristol, UK	O2 Academy <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
10/22	Southampton, UK	O2 Guildhall
10/24	Nantes, France	La Carrière <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
10/25	Lyon, France	Le Radiant
10/27	Paris, France	L'Olympia <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
10/28	Lausanne, Switzerland	Les Docks <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
10/29	Milan, Italy	Alcatraz
10/31	Vienna, Austria	Gasometer
11/1	Zurich, Switzerland	X-TRA

11/2	Munich, Germany	Theaterfabrik <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/4	Prague, Czech Republic	Lucerna Music Bar <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/5	Warsaw, Poland	Klub Stodola
11/6	Poznan, Poland	Music Club B17
11/8	Berlin, Germany	Huxleys
11/9	Amsterdam, Netherlands	Melkweg Max <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/10	Cologne, Germany	Kantine <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/12	Brussels, Belgium	Ancienne Belgique <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/13	Hamburg, Germany	Grosse Freiheit 36 <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/14	Copenhagen, Denmark	The Grey Hall
11/16	Bergen, Norway	Forum Scene <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/17	Oslo, Norway	Sentrum Scene <b>[SOLD OUT]</b>
11/18	Stockholm, Sweden	B-K
11/20	House of Culture	Helsinki, Finland
11/21	Tampere, Finland	Tampere Hall

10/20 - 11/21 – European Headline Tour

### **About Rival Sons:**

Like a gang of tried-and-true mavericks, Rival Sons most definitely march to the beat of their own drum. Right when you think you’ve got them figured out, the Los Angeles quartet—Jay Buchanan [vocals, acoustic guitar], Scott Holiday [lead guitar], Mike Miley [drums], and Dave Beste [bass]—will flip the script and surprise you once more. Their very emergence is inexplicable in the best way. They never fit into any era or category, yet their uncompromising spirit might be more necessary today than ever. A sense of panache, a dash of mystery, and an unapologetic commitment to the craft of rock ‘n’ roll underscore their deep catalog highlighted by the likes of *Pressure & Time* [2011], *Great Western Valkyrie* [2014], and *Feral Roots* [2019], which garnered two GRAMMY® Award nominations in the categories of “Best Rock Album” and “Best Rock Performance” for the single “Too Bad.” Meanwhile, the Rock Radio #1 hit “Do Your Worst” has reeled in 70 million streams and counting. At the same time, they’ve held their own on stage with Black Sabbath, The Rolling Stones, AC/DC, Guns N’ Roses, and Lenny Kravitz in addition to blowing the roof off television staples such as *The Late Late Show with James Corden*, *Jools Holland* and *Jimmy Kimmel*. In 2023, they continue to subvert expectations with two full-length LPs—*DARKFIGHTER* and *LIGHTBRINGER* [Low Country Sound / Atlantic Records]—and more to come.

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